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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the last paragraph on page 15, revising the same as shown:

After the medical product is prepared for the patient, the medical product may be grouped with other prepared medical products for transport to a medication-dispensing unit. As the medical products are withdrawn from the pharmacy for transportation to the medication-dispensing unit, the information in the RFID tags 20 of the medical products may be read into the pharmacy terminal 130 using the RF reader 135. For example, all of the medical products may be identified by passing a cart or other device carrying the medical products into close proximity with the RF reader 135, thereby simultaneously reading all of the RFID tags 20 identifying the medical products. For example, the RF reader 135 may be mounted to a doorway of the pharmacy for automatically reading the RFID tags 20 of the medical products as they are withdrawn from the pharmacy. The pharmacy terminal 130 may also identify the medication-dispensing unit intended to receive the medical products. This may be done by having a healthcare worker manually enter the identity of the dispensing unit into the pharmacy terminal 130, and/or reading a RFID tag identifying the dispensing unit using the RF reader 135. This may also be done by reading a patient identifier and/or location from the RFID tags 20 of the medical products into the pharmacy terminal 130 and having the pharmacy terminal 130 access a database matching the patient identifier and/or location with an assigned dispensing unit. The pharmacy terminal 130 may also

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identify the healthcare workerer transporting the medical products to the dispensing unit. This may be done by having the healthcare worker enter a code and/or pin number uniquely associated with the healthcare worker into the pharmacy terminal 130, and/or reading a RFID tag identifying the healthcare worker using the RF reader 135.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 28, bridging to page 29 as follows:

If a decision is made not to deliver a medical product to a patient, the unused medical product may be taken to a return bin of a dispensing unit, e.g., the unit from which it was originally removed, another unit[s], or a special medication station for returned medical products. The RFID tags of the medical products in the return bin (or in the entire dispensing unit) may be read before and after the medical product (or products) is (are) placed in the return bin. A difference between the readings of the RFID tags taken before and after the medical product is returned to the dispensing unit may be used to identify the medical product returned to the dispensing unit. In addition, the processor of the dispensing unit may identify a patient intended to receive the returned medical product, and a notice may be sent, e.g., to the pharmacy, the patient's doctor, a facility administrator, and the like, that the intended patient did not receive the returned medical product. Thus, if the failure to deliver the medical product was mistaken, action may be taken to correct the mistake. If the medical product was not delivered, and it is confirmed that delivery should not be resumed, any

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administrative action that had been taken assuming that the medical product was being delivered may be adjusted. Thus, the patient's record, billing, and the like may be corrected to accurately indicate the medical products that were actually delivered to the patient.